

United States Mission Abuja

Vacancy Announcement

No. 2013-044	Date: August 6, 2013	Ref: A96080
Subject:	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	
Location:	ABUJA – CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)	
Applicability:	ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES	

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION TITLE: Communications Specialist – FSN-10/FP – 5/5

OPENING DATE: August 6, 2013

CLOSING DATE: August 19, 2013

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: **OR – Ordinarily Resident**–N4,802,338 p.a.
(Starting basic salary) Position Grade: FSN-10
In addition to the basic salary, all allowances will be paid in
accordance with the Mission Local Compensation Plan.

NOR - Not Ordinarily Resident – AEFM- US\$56,323
EFM/MOH - US\$48,338 Starting Salary) p.a.
Position Grade: FP-5/5

NOTE: ALL NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. A U.S. CITIZEN EFM DOES NOT HAVE TO BE RESIDING IN COUNTRY TO BE CONSIDERED, BUT THE SPONSORING OFFICER UNDER COM AUTHORITY DOES HAVE TO BE OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED TO POST

The **U.S. Embassy in Abuja** is seeking to employ suitable and qualified candidate for the Communications Specialist position in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Nigeria office in Abuja.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:

The Communication Specialist will report to the CDC Nigeria Deputy Director and will be responsible for the creation and delivery of information to both the internal and external population by advising and assisting with written and oral communications, independently identifying plans, implementing and evaluating communication programs. The incumbent researches, plans, writes, produces, and distributes materials about CDC Nigeria and its relevant policies announcements, activities, and collaborators. The incumbent has skills and sensitivity to design, implement and evaluate communication activities to publicize CDC Nigeria programs, activities goals, and mission and the professional standing to establish and maintain contacts in the media, governmental and non-governmental, academic, and commercial sectors. Advises CDC Nigeria staff and relevant colleagues on the needs and plans for written documentation, executes and evaluates the exchange of informational programs for journalists and other in the media.

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[http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/about the us mission.html](http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/about_the_us_mission.html).

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

NOTE: All applicants **MUST** address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each criterion or the application will not be considered.

1. Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, English or related liberal arts degree is required.
2. Minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in communications media as a journalist or in radio broadcasting, experience writing and editing health or scientific materials and adapting technical material for general audience, developing messages, writing health communications materials, and adapting scientific and technical information for a variety of audiences are required.
3. Level IV (fluency) Speaking/reading/writing in English is required.
4. Incumbent must have good working knowledge of current telecommunications theory, including planning, management, advanced knowledge of principles and processes for providing effective messaging services.
5. The incumbent must possess thorough knowledge of the principles of public health programs, organizational and operational concepts and practices applied by public, private, or non-profit agencies and organizations engaged in health communication.
6. Must possess excellent computer skills with experience/training for word processing and spreadsheets.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants for this position **MUST submit** the following, or the application will not be considered:

1. **Application for U.S. Federal Employment (DS-174); or a current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information as a DS-174; plus.**
2. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.
3. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.
4. **A type-written and signed application letter specifically applying for this position, and addressing the minimum requirements as advertised.** Please reference the job title and announcement number on the application letter.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Embassy of the United States of America
Human Resources Office
Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive
Central District Area
Abuja.

Or submit to HRNigeria@state.gov

POINT OF CONTACT:

Tel: 09-461-4000 Ext 4280

Fax: 09-461-4036

DEFINITIONS

1. U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM) – **For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM** who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

2. EFM: An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse;
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian.

3. Member of Household (MOH) – An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. Ordinarily Resident (OR) – A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the LCP.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: AUGUST 19, 2013

The U.S. Mission in Nigeria provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

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